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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR NEW MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

1. MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BENCHEKROUN CONVEYED DIPLOMATIC NOTE MARCH 21 REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR ALI BENGELLOUN AS MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, REPLACING ABDELHADI BOUTALEB, WHO WILL BE ASSUMING OTHER FUNCTIONS. MFA NOTE ASKED EMBASSY TO PASS CURRICULUM VITAE TO DEPARTMENT AND TO INFORM THE MINISTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S DECISION CONCERNING THIS NOMINATION. BENCHEKROUN REITERATED THIS REQUEST ORALLY, INDICATING THAT MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHE.

2. BENCHEKROUN STATED THAT BENGELLOUN'S REPLACEMENT AS MOROCCAN PERMREP TO UN HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

3. CURRICULUM VITAE FOLLOWS:

ALI BENGELLOUN WAS BORN IN FES ON AUGUST 17, 1927, AND COMPLETED SECONDARY STUDIES AT THE LYCEE MOULAY DRISS IN FES AND LAW STUDIES AT THE FACULTY OF LAW IN PARIS, FROM WHICH HE HAS A  
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"LICENCE" IN LAW. IN 1950, HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CASABLANCA BAR AND AT INDEPENDENCE BECAME DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE. IN 1960, HE WAS NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. IN NOVEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR, HE WAS DESIGNATED A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL AND IN 1961 WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THIS ASSEMBLY. IN MARCH 1961, HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AUDIT

COMMISSION. IN JANUARY 1961, HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND, IN AUGUST 1962, AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. IN JULY 1965, HE WAS NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PHOSPHATES OFFICE (OCP). ON MARCH 12, 1967, HE WAS DESIGNATED MINISTER OF JUSTICE BY HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II. DURING THE SAME YEAR, HE WAS CHARGED BY HIS MAJESTY WITH UNDERTAKING A MISSION TO THE VATICAN CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. HE ALSO REPRESENTED HIS MAJESTY AT THE SUMMIT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. FROM APRIL 7, 1976 TO THE END OF MARCH 1977, HE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS. END TEXT.  
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